AYURVEDA.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVAVIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,200 under Ayurveda. This amount is intended for the payment of the rent for the buildings in which the Ayurveda College and the Pharmacy are located. There is provision in the budget for the current year's rent; but an additional amount is required to pay off the rent from Mithunam 1109 to Mithunam 1111. Provision was made in the budgets for those years but there was nobody to receive payment, and the provisions lapsed. The owner was a minor and the rent could not be paid to him. Now, he has become a major, and the arrears of rent have to be paid. The total amount required is Rs. 3,200. I hope the House will allow this demand.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried. The grant was made.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6,500 for the continuance of the temporary hospitals and dispensaries opened in connection with the out-break of Malaria epidemic in the Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad Taluks. In connection with the outbreak of malaria in an epidemic form, in August 1935, in certain areas of the Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks, Government sanctioned the opening of temporary hospitals and dispensaries for the treatment of malaria patients, meeting the expenditure from the allotment under "Prevention of Epidemics-other epidemics", in the budget of the Public Health Department. These temporary institutions and their staff were reduced from time to time according to the improvement in the situation of the disease. Their continuance till the end of Vrischigam 1112 has already been sanctioned by Government. The Director of Public Health and myself after local inspection, reported that the disease has become endemic in the above areas and that there are still numerous cases of relapses among the infected population. The continuance of these temporary institutions for a further period of six months from the 1st Dhanu 1112 has therefore been recommended. The institutions, as well as the staff, to be continued are:

Chemboor. Medical Officer, compounder, peon, warder, and part time scavenger.

Perumkadavila: Warder, part time cook, and scavenger.

Kunnathukal: Medical Officer, compounder, peon, warder, and scavenger.

Kottukal: Compounder and peon.

Maranallur: Compounder and peon.

Kallikad: Medical Officer, compounder and peon.

District Hospital, Neyyattinkara: Sub Assistant Surgeon, clerk, peon, cook, female sweeper.

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Aryanad: Medical Officer, compounder, peon, waterman, cook and scavenger.

Sanitary Inspectors: Three Sanitary Inspectors on Rs. 40 plus P. T. A. Rs. 8 and two Sanitary Inspectors on Rs. 25 plus P. T. A. Rs. 8.

The total expenditure for continuing them for six months comes to nearly Rs. 6,500. Government therefore propose to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,500. I hope the House will allow the demand.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the treatments given in these hospitals are standard treatment?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): They give the treatment that is considered best for Malaria.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is it the idea of Government to make these hospitals permanent?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): That is not under the consideration of the Government.

The demand was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

CURRENCY AND MINT.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,700 for the temporary re-opening of the Mint. There is also another demand on the same subject which may be taken together. I move for a demand for grant not exceeding Rs. 2·05 lakhs for minting silver and copper coins. We shall take the second demand first as the first is dependant upon the second.

It is several years since the coins of the State were minted. The silver coins now in circulation were minted in 1106 and 1107. No coins were minted since the accession of His Highness the present Maharaja. Copper coins such as one chuckrams, half-a-chuckrams and quarter-chuckrams were minted so long ago as 1095 *i. e.*, about 17 years ago. Government therefore propose to arrange for the minting of the following coins. Silver coins to the face value of Rs. 2 lakhs and copper coins to the face value of Rs. 1,75,000·

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether one-rupee coins are to be minted.

RAO BAHADUR A. RANGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, Sir, only half-rupees are to be minted. It is urgent that this should be taken up now since the price of copper is rising; and, on account of the trend of international situation, silver also may rise in value. We cannot delay it for one moment.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the value of the coins now in circulation?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The coins now in circulation amount to about 9 lakhs of rupees.

The fact that there are several counterfeit coins in circulation shows that there is a demand for coins in the market. Otherwise, there will be no scope for counterfeit coins.

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